

DATE and PLACE

BOZEMAN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008

Wingate Inn

2305 Catron Street

Exit 305 at North 19TH Ave.

(Next to Costco)

(406) 582-4995

There is no fee for the workshop.

Pre-registration is requested, but not required.

Questions? Call

**(406) 841-2784 or
(406)841-2785**

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The Montana Department
of Commerce is sponsoring:

***“Improving Your
Bridge System with
Help from the
Treasure State
Endowment
Program”***



*A workshop for County and
Tribal officials, staff, engineers,
and others interested in using the
Treasure State Endowment
Program to fund bridge projects*

Do you know the condition of your county's bridges? Do you have bridges that are in need of improvements or that should be replaced? If you can pay for half of the cost of the project, the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) can potentially provide a grant for the remainder.

If you need money to assess the condition of your bridges, prepare a preliminary engineering study, or to help pay for a construction project, then you should attend this workshop. It will inform potential TSEP applicants about the requirements of the program, along with detailed information about how to put together an application that is likely to be awarded funds.

This workshop is specifically designed for county and tribal officials, and consulting engineers that do bridge projects. It is important that engineers, who may be preparing a TSEP required PER for a bridge project, attend this workshop in order to ensure that the PER will meet the needs of a competitive application.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. Introductions and Overview

9:15 a.m. How TSEP can help solve your county's bridge problems

10:00 a.m. How to prepare a good Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. How to put together a successful TSEP application

2:30 p.m. How to administer a TSEP grant

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

TSEP applications for funding construction projects are only accepted once every two years. **These applications will be due May 2, 2008 for the next round of TSEP funding.** If you will be applying in May for a TSEP grant to fund a major bridge improvement project it is very important that you to attend this workshop in order to ensure your submitting a winning application. However, you should also attend if you are just thinking about applying to TSEP in the next few years.

Detailed information will be provided at the workshop about how to prepare a superior preliminary engineering report (PER) specifically for bridges. The PER is an important factor in determining whether your project is recommended for funding. We will also present detailed information about how to put together a successful TSEP bridge application.

Reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities will be made who wish to participate in this workshop. Please advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need at least one week prior to the workshop, by calling 841-2770.